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FKIBASTUZ CONSTRUCTION BEGINS -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 90, 10 May 49

The Council of Ministers Kazakh SSR recently approved the Ekibastuz construction project. The plans provide for construction of two cities: Severnyy and Yuzhnyy Ekibastuz. Severnyy Ekibastuz is the first to be built. As soon as the southern group of coal mines is put into operation, the foundation will be laid for the second city, Yuzhnyy Ekibastuz.

At present, the first city blocks are being built for the coal miners. Several 32-apartment houses are nearing completion, and a 2-story building for the construction administration is under way. Streets are being planned and planting of trees and shrubs has begun. A power plant has been put into operation to supply the electricity for lighting buildings and for driving heavy machinery. A telephone station is also in operation.

NEW SETTLEMENT DEVELOPED -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 90, 10 May 49

Tas-Bugut is a new settlement of construction workers who are working on the Kzyl-Orda Dam on the Syr-Dar'ya River. The settlement, built in the desert, has developed into a small, well-organized town with nice-looking cottages, a school, a club, and food stores.

Irrigation ditches run through the settlement in all directions. A water main is now under construction. More than 1,000 trees have been planted this spring.

Tas-Bugut is growing rapidly. During the last few weeks, four new 2-apartment houses have been built.

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PRIMORSKIY FISHERIES BUILD NEW HOUSES -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 108, 10 May 49

Fishing kolkhozes in southern Primorskiy Kray have started building new houses for kolkhoz workers. "Krayrybakkolkhozsoyuz" (Union of Kray Fishing Kolkhozes) has ordered enough slag blocks from the Vladivostok Slag Block Plant to build 11 houses. A kolkhoz in Sidim Bay is building five houses. Fishing kolkhozes have logged 2,000 cubic meters of timber to be used in construction and repair of houses. Sixty houses will be built with this timber.

KIEV HOUSING EXPANDS IN 1948 -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 117, 20 May 49

During 1948, 141 buildings having a total living space of 115,000 square meters were reconstructed, constructed, and put into use in Kiev. So far during the postwar Five-Year Plan more than 600,000 square meters of living space have been constructed and restored.

More than 10,000 apartments in Kiev are using natural gas from Dashava.

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